

Empowered

Releasing God's Presence

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(Luke 24:49) "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

The Purpose of Pentecost

(Acts 2:12) Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

✓ He has empowered me to live righteously.

(Romans 8:9) You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

(John 14:23) Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

✓ He has empowered me to live supernaturally.

(John 15:7) "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

(Hebrews 2:4) And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.

✓ He has empowered me to fulfill His mission.

(Acts 2:21) And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

(1 Thessalonians 1:5) Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

(Acts 2:38-39) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

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(John 1:6-8) A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.

1. Be Loving.

(1 Corinthians 13:13) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

(1 Peter 4:7-8) The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins

2. Be Holy.

(1 Peter 1:14-16) So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

3. Be Bold.

(Acts 4:31) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

(Acts 4:13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

(1 John 5:14) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

(Hebrews 4:13) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

4. Be Faithful.

(Luke 16:10) "Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much."

(2 Chronicles 16:9) For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

